

EXHIBIT 26

Letter dated December 10, 1927 to William M. Kearney
from Cole L. Harwood

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Hono, Nevada, December 10, 1927.

William M. Kearney, Esq.,
Attorney for Walker River Irrigation
District, and other defendants,
Reno, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

U. S. -vs- Walker River Irrigation
District, et al - G-125

Your letter dated November 17th reached me yesterday
day.

The proposal of compromise discussed at the con-
ference which closed on November 2d, we think would not, if
carried out, have the effect stated in your letter, but we as-
sume from what you say that that proposal is not under considera-
tion by the defendants in this case, and will not therefore be
submitted by them. The plaintiff and everyone connected with
it realize the many difficulties of the situation and the many
interests that are conflicting among the defendants themselves.

The proposition suggested by you, however, it is
felt would mean very little to the Indians whose interests are
directly affected. In fact, the proposal as you now make it
is much less favorable than that discussed, and, as we under-
stood, was agreeable to the defendants at the previous confer-
ence held last May. The suggested provisions as to duty of
water, the limitations as to flow, and places of measurement
would not be satisfactory under any circumstances, nor ap-
plied to any acreage. The area for which water is ap-

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to be conceded a first right by the defendants is just half that which the Government indicated was the minimum that would be recommended as the basis of a compromise by the representatives of the plaintiff.

The proposal suggested by you in behalf of the defendants cannot, therefore, be recommended.

Very truly yours,

COLE L. HARWOOD,
Special Assistant to the
Attorney General.